

REMARKS

Claims 150-304 are pending in the above-identified application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 21-149, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 150-304.

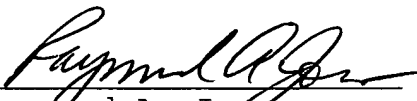
Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 150-304 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 150-304, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract of the Disclosure and substituted therefor the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract of the Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

A Credit Card Payment Form for payment of \$276.00,  
for the required fee for payment for twenty six (26)  
additional claims (\$234.00) and for payment for one (1)  
additional independent claim (\$42.00), is submitted  
herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) is also  
submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Encls.: - Abstract of the Disclosure  
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independent claim  
- Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate)  
- Return Receipt Postcard

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